

17. A method according to claim 16, wherein an open command is generated directing the opening of the barrier if the checking step indicates that the barrier has not stopped.

18. An apparatus for controlling a movable barrier operator, the apparatus comprising:
a controller for sending commands to a movement control apparatus specifying one of open, close, or stop movement of the barrier;
the movement control apparatus for controlling barrier movement in response to the commands sent by the controller; and
fault identifying apparatus for checking the movement control apparatus to determine whether the command sent from the controller is being correctly performed and for generating a signal when the command is not being correctly performed.

REMARKS

Upon entry of the instant amendment, claims 1-14 have been canceled without prejudice and new claims 15-18 have been added and are pending in the application. In the Office Action the title and abstract were objected to and claims 1-14 were rejected for "same invention" type double patenting under 35 U.S.C. §101.

The title of the invention was objected to in the Office Action as being non-descriptive. Applicants have amended the title to clearly indicate the invention to which the claims are directed.

The abstract of the disclosure was objected to in the Office Action because use of the phrase "is disclosed" does not meet the language and format for an abstract of the disclosure as specified in MPEP §608.01(b). Applicants have amended the abstract of the disclosure to eliminate reference to the phrase "is disclosed" and avoid using phrases which can be implied in the abstract.